



YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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Purpose

The Young Scholars Program (YSP), a comprehensive pre-collegiate and collegiate program, enhances the academic, personal, and career development skills of students from low-income families to prepare them for college success. Founded in 1988, YSP identifies academically talented first-generation middle and high school students from Ohio's nine largest urban school districts: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lorain, Toledo, and Youngstown.

Impact

YSP has made it possible for nearly 800 students to become first-generation college graduates. With exemplary community engagement for over 25 years, YSP works with superintendents, principals, and counselors to significantly improve student performance and district graduation rates.

YSP works with parents to become more involved in their children's learning. Hundreds of parents and siblings have earned G.E.D.s and college degrees in the process, contributing to the growth and improvement of their communities.

OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN
ECOLOGY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
FISHER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF: AKRON,
CANTON, CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI,
DAYTON, LORAIN, TOLEDO, COLUMBUS,
YOUNGSTOWN
PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS
LIMITED BRANDS
AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION
NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
UNITED WAY
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE
EARTHFEST
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
CLEVELAND MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE